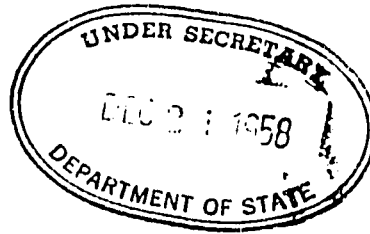


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Dear Chris:

I have read the draft of your proposed reply to the Soviet
note of November 27th.

I have one question only. It involves the sentence on page
four reading "The Government of the United States will
continue to hold the Soviet Government directly responsible
under existing agreements."

I assume that there are other responsibilities under various
phases of these agreements which have not been properly
fulfilled by the Soviets. What we are now talking about is
the Soviet agreement to respect our rights in Berlin, both
in the occupancy of that city and Western Power access to
it.

It would seem to me that the sentence should either be a
bit modified or alternatively, it could be eliminated
because the attitude of the United States is implicit in the
context.

Otherwise, I repeat that I think the draft is excellent.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Christian Herter
The Acting Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

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